THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY): (a) to (c) Indo-German bilateral trade for the year 2001-02 alongwith the corresponding figure for the fiscal year 2000-01 and the growth are indicated in the table below:

(US $ Million)

Year	India-Germany bilateral trade	Growth %
2001-02 (April—December-2001)	2715.23	—
2000-01 (April—December 2000)	2615.98	3.79%

(d) No target has been fixed so far for the year 2002-03.

US complaint against India

4276. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'US complaints against India over intellectual property rights' which appeared in the Pioneer, dated the 4th April, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard to address the problems highlighted in the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. The news-item is based on observations made in the national trade Estimate Report of the United States of America.

(b) and (c) The National Trade Estimate Report is an annual statutory exercise of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) under Section 181 of the United States (US) Trade Act of 1974. It inventorises US perceptions of important foreign trade barriers affecting exports of goods and services, Foreign Direct Investment and protection of Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs) in different countries. The Report highlights, *inter alia*, the status of India's intellectual property legislation.

India has already taken appropriate initiatives and enacted/amended the following IP-related legislations to, *inter-alia*, meet its international obligations:

- The Geographical Indications (Registration and protection) Act, 1999.
- The Trade Marks Act, 1999.
- The Designs Act, 2000.
- The Copyright act, 1957 as amended upto December, 1999.
- The Semiconductor Integrated Circuits Layout-designs Act, 2000.
- The Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Right Act, 2001.

Further, in order to amend the Patents Act, 1970, a Bill, namely, the Patents (Second Amendment) Bill, 1999 is under consideration.

Revision in provisions of Patents Bill

4277. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some major Indian Drug Companies have sought revision of the provisions of the Patents (Second Amendment) Bill to protect their interests in respect of compulsory licensing in the light of Doha Declaration on TRIPs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether the suggestions would be incorporated in the Bill which is likely to be presented to Parliament during the current session and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (d) Some of the major Indian drug companies, through their associations, have made representations on various